

Volunteer Open House Statewide in Delaware May 14th

DOVER – In an effort to recruit volunteers and educate the public about the role they play in protecting Delawareans, volunteer fire companies up and down the state will open their doors to community members on Saturday May 14. Each Volunteer station in the state will be open to the public and offering a family-friendly event from 11am until 2pm. Activities will vary by station and include fire demonstrations, exhibits, station tours, and much more.

“Volunteer firefighters are on the front lines of educating, preparing, and protecting our State's people and property,” said Joe Zeroles, President of the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter’s Association. “We want to open our doors and give the public the opportunity to see firsthand just what we do and invite them to volunteer with us to serve within their own communities.”

As the population of volunteer firefighters in Delaware ages, companies across the state are hoping to recruit new volunteers to take the reins and lead in serving their communities.

“We want to take action in recruiting these individuals so that we can sustain the Volunteer Fire Service to continue benefitting all of Delaware.” President Zeroles said, adding that companies also actively seek volunteers of all ages, from 15 and up, with all skill sets. “If you want to use your specific skills and experience to serve your community making a difference in your own neighborhood, we are the place to be.”

Volunteers are also needed to serve in fire company auxiliaries throughout the state. The auxiliaries play an important role in supporting the fire companies and are always seeking volunteers to join them in their efforts.

“Auxiliaries across the state have come a long way since the first organization was formed in 1937. Today, we have many auxiliaries who are successful in raising thousands of dollars for their fire companies,” said Mary Frances Eisenbrey, President of the Ladies Auxiliary Association of the Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association. “We welcome anyone interested in helping us work together with the fire companies for the good of all Delawareans.”

For more information, members of the public can visit www.Firefighter.Delaware.gov or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FirefighterDelawareGov.